(d) what is the amount spent by the Government for his training;

(e) whether the Government have taken any step for realising the amount spent for him ; and if not,

(f) why they have not taken any step in this direction?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(a) Messrs. S. Venkiteswaran and P. Achyuta Menon.

(b) Both the candidates completed their course by the end of October 1931 ; but the period of practical training for Mr. Venkiteswaran has been extended for one and a half months as he could not complete the training during the prescribed period, owing to illness.

Mr. Venkiteswaran passed in the examination ; Mr. Achyuta Menon failed.

(c) Yes; Mr. P. Achyuta Menon.

(d) Rs. 10,092—10—0.

(e) No.

(f) Because under the terms of the agreement, mere failure to pass the examination is not sufficient reason for recovering the amount.

House sites to Depressed Classes.

449. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform with reference to question No. 358, dated 23rd March 1931, whether the request from some of the depressed classes of people for house sites has been granted and, if not, what action has been taken so far in the matter?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—House sites have been granted.

Road to Thuruthikad.

450. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 293, dated 18th February 1931, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any reply has been sent to the petition, dated 24th Mithunam 1104 ;

(b) whether the request contained in the petition has been sanctioned;

(c) whether the petition has been disposed of ;

(d) what action has been taken on the estimate submitted by the P. W. D.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Yes; Government have sanctioned the opening of a road as far as Thuruthikad and ordered that provision for it should be made in the budget for 1108 if funds permit.

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(c) Yes.

(d) The estimate has been kept back pending inclusion of the work in the budget of 1108.

Commercial Departments.

451. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to the answer to sub-division (c) of question No. 431, reported in the Legislative Council Proceedings, dated 25th March 1931, will the Government be pleased to mention whether the consideration of starting a commercial department is over and if so, what is the decision arrived at?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Orders have been issued for making provision in the budget estimate of 1108, for the organisation of the department, if possible, from the beginning of the year.

Auctioning the lands of judgment-debtors, etc.

452. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—On the strength of all the data available now, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of instances wherein land of the judgment-debtors was auctioned in law and got by the judgment-creditors, the price of which was (1) 10 times and more; (2) 5 times and more; (3) twice and more; (4) and below the best price the land could have procured under the most favourable condition of the day's market;

(b) the reasons for the situations in (a);

(c) the ways how Government intend to prevent their repetition?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The materials available do not admit of an answer to the question.

Irregularity of wealth.

453. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 58 of the last session, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they admit the existence of appalling irregularities of wealth in the society; and

(2) if they do so, why they have not the programme indicated in the question?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(1) Yes.

(2) Government cannot interfere with the Economic Laws of Society.

Concentration of land.

454. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 77 (b) of the last session, will the Government be pleased

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